

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims

Claims 1-10 (cancelled).

Claim 11 (previously presented): A mammalian cell into which has been introduced an expression cassette comprising an adenoviral VA1 gene and a nucleic acid encoding an interfering RNA (RNAi) molecule, wherein the adenoviral VA1 gene comprises the adenoviral VA1 promoter and a coding sequence for the VA1 RNA, wherein the nucleic acid is inserted at a BstEII site within a non-essential stem region of the adenoviral VA1 coding sequence, wherein the nucleic acid encoding the RNAi molecule encodes a hairpin siRNA (shRNA) or a precursor microRNA (precursor miRNA) and wherein upon expression the VA1 RNA contains the RNAi molecule which is processed from the VA1 RNA to become a substrate for Dicer.

Claim 12 (original): The mammalian cell of claim 11, wherein the mammalian cell is a primary cell.

Claim 13 (currently amended): ~~The expression cassette of claim 1, wherein the RNAi molecule encoding nucleic acid~~ An expression cassette comprising an adenoviral VA1 gene and a nucleic acid encoding an interfering RNA (RNAi) molecule, wherein the adenoviral VA1 gene comprises the adenoviral VA1 promoter and a coding sequence for the VA1 RNA, wherein the nucleic acid is inserted at a BstEII site within a non-essential stem region of the adenoviral VA1 coding sequence, wherein the nucleic acid encoding the RNAi molecule encodes a hairpin siRNA (shRNA) and wherein upon expression the VA1 RNA contains the RNAi molecule which is processed from the VA1 RNA to become a substrate for Dicer.

Claim 14 (currently amended): ~~The expression cassette of claim 1, wherein the RNAi molecule encoding nucleic acid~~ An expression cassette comprising an adenoviral VA1 gene and a nucleic acid encoding an interfering RNA (RNAi) molecule, wherein the adenoviral VA1 gene comprises the adenoviral VA1 promoter and a coding sequence for the VA1 RNA, wherein the nucleic acid is inserted at a BstEII site within a non-essential stem region of the adenoviral VA1 coding sequence, wherein the nucleic acid encoding the RNAi molecule encodes a precursor microRNA (precursor miRNA) and wherein upon expression the VA1 RNA contains the RNAi molecule which is processed from the VA1 RNA to become a substrate for Dicer.

Claim 15 (previously presented): The mammalian cell line of claim 11, wherein the RNAi molecule encoding nucleic acid encodes a hairpin siRNA (shRNA).

Claim 16 (previously presented): The mammalian cell line of claim 11, wherein the RNAi molecule encoding nucleic acid encodes a precursor miRNA.

Claim 17 (previously presented): The expression cassette of claim 13, wherein the RNAi molecule encoding nucleic acid is SEQ ID NO: 7.

Claim 18 (previously presented): The expression cassette of claim 14, wherein the RNAi molecule encoding nucleic acid is SEQ ID NO: 2.

Claim 19 (previously presented): The expression cassette of claim 14, wherein the RNAi molecule encoding nucleic acid is SEQ ID NO: 3.

Claim 20 (currently amended): ~~The expression cassette~~ mammalian cell line of claim [[15]] 11, wherein the RNAi molecule encoding nucleic acid is SEQ ID NO:7.

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Claim 21 (currently amended): The ~~expression cassette~~ mammalian cell line of claim [[16]] 11, wherein the RNAi molecule encoding nucleic acid is SEQ ID NO:2.

Claim 22 (currently amended): The ~~expression cassette~~ mammalian cell line of claim [[16]] 11, wherein the RNAi molecule encoding nucleic acid is SEQ ID NO:3.

Claim 23-27 (cancelled).